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## Happy Holidays!

### UP and COMING

Regularly planned activities have been cancelled, as have many philatelic shows in the near future as a result of the pandemic. We will update as we learn more.

NS Stamp Club Meetings –TBA  
Moncton Stamp Fair - Cancelled

Friends of Philately - Cancelled

Check out the status of other shows at

[www.rpsc.org/shows.html](http://www.rpsc.org/shows.html) or  
[www.csdonline.com/shows](http://www.csdonline.com/shows)

**Stay Home! Stay Safe!**

### ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS SEALS

What a year 2020 was! I hope we see no other like it in our life times. However, as with the Spanish Flu following the Great War, tuberculosis, in the early days of the 20th century, was a greatly feared contagious disease, and its harmful effects on children seemed particularly cruel. Danish postal clerk, Einar Holbøll, came up with the idea of adding a charitable stamp in addition to the regular postage on holiday greetings mailed during Christmas to raise money to help children sick with disease. The plan was approved by the Postmaster General and King Christian IX and in 1904 the world's first Christmas seal was issued. It bore the likeness of the Danish Queen Louise and the word Julen (Christmas) flanked by the Star of David.



### CLUB NEWS

The Club met on 14 November in the basement at Christ Church Hall in Dartmouth. A total of 34 members (not all at the same time- some came and went) enjoyed meeting and participating in a variety of Club activities. All in attendance received, courtesy of Canada Post, a Maude Lewis Christmas stamp

FDC (right): many members had participated in the virtual stamp launch hosted by CP. John Hall gave an interesting talk on creating an “experimental class” exhibit with his War Savings stamp material. Three dealers had tables along the sides, giving members an outlet for their need to add to their collections. The auction saw limited participation- the Executive is discussing how to improve the outcome. Throughout the meeting, COVID-19 safety protocols were observed.



Available at the meeting were two attractive covers (middle and below) produced by Hugh Rathbun: one for the Maude Lewis issue, and another for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Trans-Canada airmail flight. Hugh still has a few available- if you are interested, get in touch with him at [hrathbun@hfx.eastlink.ca](mailto:hrathbun@hfx.eastlink.ca).

The Second Wave of COVID-19 has arrived in Nova Scotia. Because of the newly introduced restrictions on public gatherings **THERE WILL BE NO STAMP CLUB MEETING IN DECEMBER.** If things ease up, we hope to have a meeting in mid-

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100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Trans-Canada Airmail  
Halifax-Vancouver Flight Oct. 7-17, 1920



Air Commodore Tylee with DH9A in Revelstoke, BC  
(Image credit: Revelstoke Museum & Archives)





## DEAD LETTER OFFICE HANDSTAMPS #56

by Gary Steele

### BRANCH DEAD LETTER OFFICE

JUL 16 1921

Montreal, Que.

45x29 mm double oval  
Milled outside rim  
Only reported copy  
No proof known

One may get fooled into thinking they are looking at a more common handstamp but upon closer viewing be surprised to see a new find.

The **Returned for War Tax** cover with three different city DLO handstamps has a Montreal, double oval with milled

outside rim. The key difference here is that the lower line is of mixed lettering whereas the more common one on the post card is all caps. Additionally, the upper line is sans-serif, with slightly seriffed lettering in the lower line.

There is also a single frame milled outside rim Montreal, Que. handstamp similar to the double frame on the post card shown.

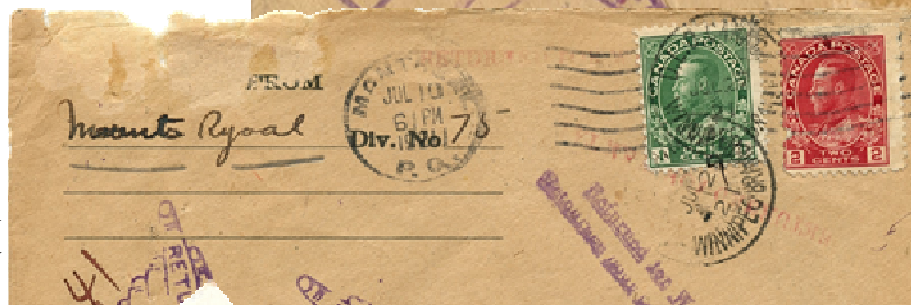
Originally mailed from Montreal on JUL 10 1921 to Cedar Rapids, Iowa it appears this cover was forwarded to the Montreal, Que. Branch Dead Letter Office on Jul 16<sup>th</sup>, then forwarded to the Toronto Branch DLO Jul 18<sup>th</sup>, and again forwarded to the Winnipeg Branch DLO Jul 20<sup>th</sup>.

It was at this point in Winnipeg where they informed the addressee of a need for the War Tax payment of 1 cent, payment received and applied per Winnipeg DLO cds on Jul 27<sup>th</sup>.

A happy ending with a new find.

Single frame, milled outside rim.

Seriffed and all caps.



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Nova Scotia Stamp Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on every second Tuesday of the month (except July and August) at the Nova Scotia Museum, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. The club publishes a monthly newsletter (except summer) which is released on the first week of the month.

Membership is C\$15 per person (C\$20 US, C\$25 International) or C\$22.50 per couple.

Send **new membership applications**  
and **renewal payments** to...

NS Stamp Club c/o Jeff Parks  
102 Birch Bear Run, Lewis Lake, NS B3Z 4B8

## THE BARQUE DUDBROOK

by Dennis Bedley

The letter shown below uses the 9 pence bistre issued 1862 to 1864 (SG#24). The cover was cancelled in Truro England June 8, 1868, addressed to S.W. Hancock, Barque Dudbrook, Bombay East Indies and was re-routed to China. The back of the envelope shows a JU (June) 10 68 London postmark. There are also marks from Bombay (14[?] July 1868), a double circle "Hong Kong & Singapore Line" encircling the letter B, and one oval "Post Office" too hard to read.

The barque *Dudbrook* was built in 1848 and launched November 10 that year. It was built by Alexander Stevens and Sons of Dundee, Scotland as a passenger/cargo troop ship sailing vessel.

The *Dudbrook* was 572 GRT, 137.1 feet long and 25.7 feet wide with a 20.1 foot draft. It was originally owned by R. Mann of London, and first sailed December 27, 1848 from Dundee to Cork to commence a trooping voyage to Bombay India.

In 1853 the vessel made one trip to Western Australia. Ac-

cording to my research it only made the one trip and left Plymouth February 1853 carrying 228 convicts. The vessel was later for sale or sold in 1860, 1862, and 1867.

In 1871, it was run into and damaged by the steamer the *Countess of Dublin* as *Dudbrook* departed the Surrey Canal Dock on its way sailing for the West Indies. In August of 1875 while moored at Blackwall, River Thames it was ran into by the Steamers *Cybelle* of Glasgow and the *Faithfull* of Liverpool.

In 1878, after the anchor cable parted, the *Dudbrook* ran ashore 300 m from the coast on Villaricos Beach, Garrucha near Almeria, Spain. The wreck broke in two and was condemned. Five days later 30-40 tons of coal were salvaged for her. The hull and stores were later sold at auction.

Researching the *Dudbrook*: Wikipedia had an external link to the Scottish built ships database. I also used Google to search for "Barque Dudbrook built in Scotland" and from that search I found "Dudbrook the Complete Story."



### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new NS Stamp Club Members...

- 1094 Ralph Harpell, Dartmouth, NS  
Collects world, royalty, Trucial States, and Canada
- 1095 Paul Bourque, Dieppe, NB  
Collects Canada, and is a stamp dealer
- 1096 David Andrews, East Pennant, NS  
Collects Canada
- 1097 Norma Cooke, Isaac's Harbour, NS  
Collects vintage postcards from the early 1900s, Canadian stamps especially commemoratives, and stamps from other countries.

If you would like to contact any members about their collecting interests contact Jeff Parks (membership pg 2) and he will arrange a connection.

### CLUB NEWS CONTINUED...

January- we will keep you posted. It looks like we'll be able to continue using Christ Church Hall. With no December meeting, we cannot hold our annual Christmas Cheer auction. However, the need in the community is more accute than ever, so the Executive decided to continue our tradition of charitable giving: we are sending \$100 each to the Salvation Army, Feed Nova Scotia, and Christ Church (in thanks for the use of their hall).

Four new members have joined the Club this fall: Ralph Harpell, Paul Bourque, David Andrews and Norma Cooke. We welcome them to our club. New member introductions are on page 3. At the same time, we mark with sadness the passing of long-time member Rev. Bruce Robertson. Bruce had had to resign from the club a couple of years ago due to failing health, and we have missed him at our meetings.

We wish you happy holidays, whatever your beliefs and traditions. Stay safe this holiday season. We'll see you in 2021.



## MANITOBA TO ARIZONA 1909

by Tom Reyman

Recently, while looking through some of my neglected boxes of covers, I rediscovered a cover sent from Waskada, Manitoba to Winslow, Arizona. I am sure that I was drawn to buying this cover because of the Canada to Arizona routing (I live in Arizona). But how did it get from a small farming town in Manitoba to a small railroad town in Arizona in 1909? This is the probable route based on the references.

Waskada is located near the border of Manitoba and North Dakota. The closest rail line is at Napinka, Manitoba, about 30 km/18 mi away. The cover left Waskada on June 6, 1909 and likely traveled by stage to Napinka to meet the Canadian Pacific Railroad (CPR) train to Estevan, Saskatchewan. There, the rail line heads Southward, crossing the border at Portal, North Dakota and follows the Soo Line tracks (controlled by CPR) to Minneapolis.

The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific would have received the cover at Minneapolis taking it to Kansas City. The ATSF (Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe) had a main hub at Kansas City and the trains travelled Southwest to Amarillo, Texas to Albuquerque New Mexico, and continued to Winslow, arriving on July 3, 1909.

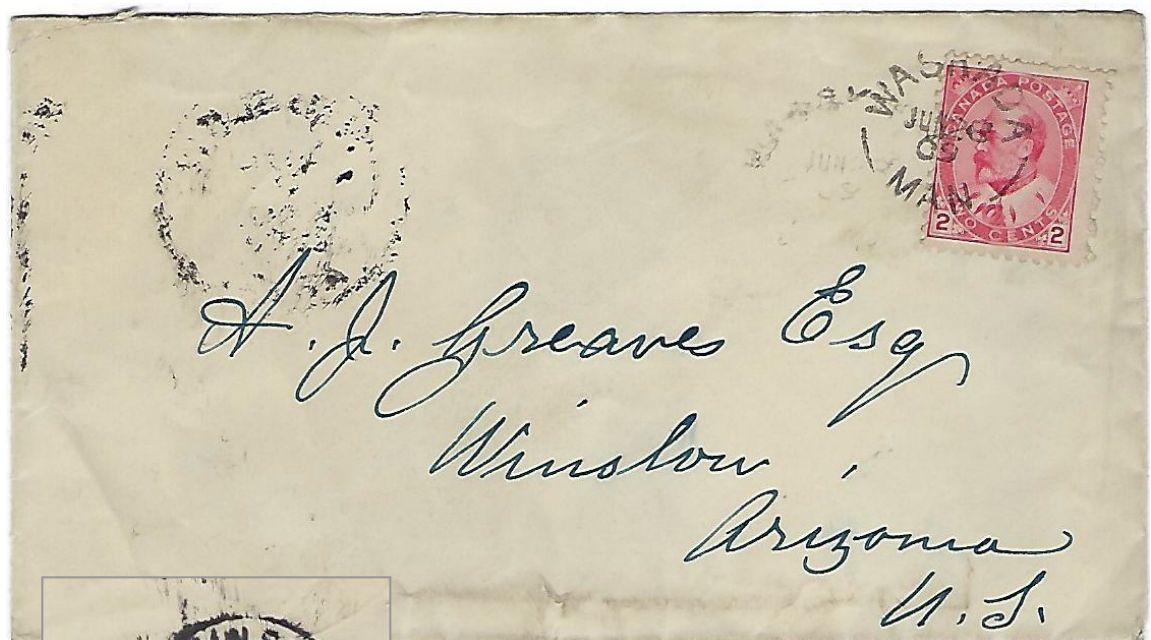
Winslow was a major stop on the ATSF for crew changes and for adding helper engines for the long climb to Flagstaff, Arizona, only 92 km/57 mi West of Winslow. (Winslow elevation is 1,478 m/4,850 ft and Flagstaff is 2,106 m/6,910 ft). The Winslow-Lindbergh Regional Airport was designed by Charles Lindbergh and, when it opened in 1934, it was the only all-weather airport between Albuquerque and Los Angeles. Winslow became a CAM 34 stop for Eastbound and Westbound air mail aircraft.

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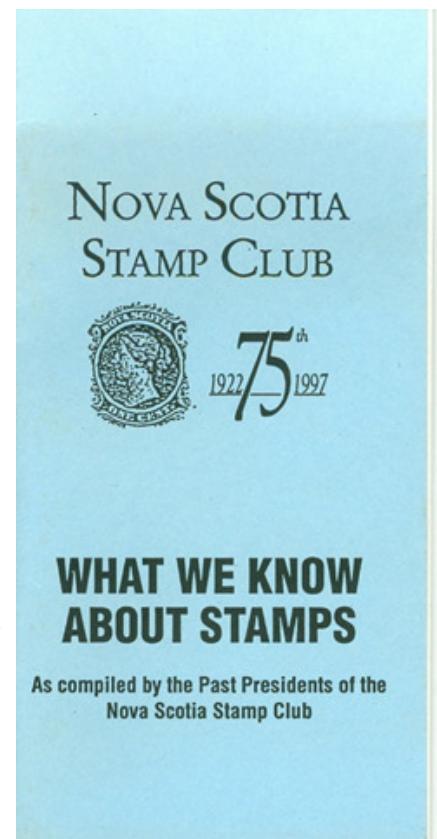


Winslow backstamp

## NS STAMP CLUB CENTENARY

by Marty Zelenietz

It has been a while since we've featured Club memorabilia: I am always interested in sharing members' finds, as we approach our centenary. While clearing off a remote corner of my desk (what a splendid COVID activity), I came across the item featured here. This little booklet, "WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT STAMPS" as compiled by the Past Presidents of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club" measures 2 1/2 inches by 5 inches. It was issued as a table favour for the awards banquet of our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary show in 1997. Inside the pale blue cover are 16 pages—all blank!!



## DUES! DUES! DUES!

Last Call...As noted in the Club News, the Executive has waived this year's dues but to stay current we are asking you to pay and we will extend your effective expiry date until June 30 2022 instead of 2021. If you are in arrears please remit to the address on the bottom of page 2.